

THE HONORABLE BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA**

**OLIVIA SELTO**, individually, as  
guardian of minor child K.P. and as  
Personal Representative of the Estate  
of **KEVIN PETERSON JR**, deceased,  
**TAMMI BELL**, individually and as  
Personal Representative of the Estate,  
and **KEVIN PETERSON SR**,  
individually;

Plaintiffs,

v.

**CLARK COUNTY** et al.

Defendants.

No. 3:22-CV-05384-BJR

**ORDER APPROVING  
MINOR SETTLEMENT**

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' Petition for Approval of  
Minor Settlement, pursuant to LCivR 17(c) and Washington Special Proceedings Rule

1 98.16W. The Court, having considered the Petition, the report of the Settlement  
2 Guardian *ad Litem*, the record in this case, and supplemental briefing and supporting  
3 evidence outlining the work performed and the risks incurred by counsel, **FINDS:**

4 1. The settlement reached in mediation on October 17, 2024, in the amount  
5 of \$1,250,000 is reasonable and appropriate given the facts, circumstances, and issues  
6 in the case.

7 2. Attorney fees of 40% of gross recovery is reasonable and appropriate  
8 given the facts, circumstances, issues in the case, and work reflected in the record.

9 3. Costs of \$59,521.70 are also reasonable and appropriate given the facts  
10 and circumstances of the case.

11 4. Allocation of \$345,239.15 for minor K.P. in a trust fund is reasonable  
12 and appropriate given the facts and circumstances of the case.

13 5. Settlement Guardian *ad Litem* recommends approval of the proposed  
14 settlement and allocation.

15 6. The proposed settlement is in the best interests of minor K.P. and is fair  
16 and reasonable given the facts, circumstances, and issues in the case.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**


18 1. The Court approves the proposed settlement and allocation.

19 2. Plaintiffs are authorized to enter into a binding Settlement Agreement  
20 and Release, which will release claims against the Defendants.

3. Plaintiffs shall retain a lawyer experienced in the area of trusts and estates to draft proposed settlement trusts to be presented to this Court for review and approval.

4. SGAL John R. Wilson shall work with counsel for the minor in the selection of a trustee and preparation of the trust to be submitted to this court for review and approval. The SGAL shall submit a supplemental report to the court regarding his recommendations on the trust language, the trustee, and trust management costs.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2024.



Barbara Jacobs Rothstein  
U.S. District Court Judge

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